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ACTION EB-11

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L-03 AID-20 RSR-01 EA-11 EUR-25 PA-03 PRS-01 USIA-15

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R 172054Z AUG 73

FM AMEMBASSY LA PAZ

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 725

UNCLAS LA PAZ 5063

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRD, EAGR, BL

SUBJ: COTTON CONTRACTS

REF: LA PAZ 4919. AND PREVIOUS

1. MININD/COM UNDER SECRETARY ZAMORANO HAS BEEN ATTEMPTING TO VERIFY ANTECEDENTS AND EXISTENCE OF DECREE SETTING \$US 56 PER HUNDRED WEIGHT AS MINIMUM EXPORT PRICE FOR COTTON.

2. SITUATION IS SOMEWHAT CONFUSED. ZAMORANO SAYS DECREE APPARENTLY WAS SIGNED BY PRESIDENT BANZER AT BEHEST OF COTTON PLANTERS' ASSOCIATION (ADEPA) BUT WITHOUT KNOWLEDGE OF MINISTERS OF IND/COM OR AGRICULTURE OR CONSULTATIONS WITH RESPECTIVE MINISTRIES. ADEPA'S LA PAZ REPRESENTATIVE TOLD EMBASSY DECREE CAME AS COMPLETE SURPRISE AND THAT HE BELIEVES ADEPA WILL OPPOSE STRONGLY.

3. ZAMORANO SHOWED EMBOFF NUMEROUS COMPLAINTS RECEIVED FROM AROUND THE WORLD; SAID THAT DECREE ITSELF DOES NOT SPEAK OF RETROACTIVITY AND SAID THAT, IF NECESSARY, HE BELIEVED REGULATIONS WOULD BE ISSUED ASSURING THAT CONTRACTS ALREADY SIGNED ARE ADHERED TO.

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4. ACTION REQUESTED: IN ORDER TO RESPOND TO QUERIES FROM  
ZAMORANO PLEASE PROVIDE:

1. NAME OF U.S. BUYER OTHER THAN CITED IN STATE 137544; OR
2. WHETHER OR NOT ANY BOLIVIAN COTTON WILL BE DELIVERED TO  
U.S.

5. FYI. GOB BELIEVES BOLIVIAN COTTON IS GOING TO BRITISH AND  
JAPANESE BUYERS AND NOT RPT NOT TO THE U.S. THE GOB, WHILE  
NOT QUITE QUESTIONING EMBASSY'S STANDING IN THIS CASE, SEEMS  
CERTAIN THAT OTHER COUNTRIES HAVE A GREATER INTEREST.  
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